

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Telangana Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of 2.7283 ha forest land (FP/TG/OFC/150296/2021) in Medak division for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road within the existing RoW for execution of T-Fiber Project in Medak District in favour of M/s.Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited-Final (Stage.II) approval accorded – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 29

Dated: 27-03-2025
Read the following:-

- 1.From the PCCF(HoFF), TS, Hyd., Rc.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/42022-FCA Section, Dt:04.03.2023.
- 2.Govt.Lr.No.1000/For.I(1)/2023, dt:23-03-2023.
- 3.From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests(C), GoI, MoEF& CC, Sub Office(RO, Chennai), Hyd., F.No.4-TSB337/2023-HYD/78, dt.14.03.2024.
- 4.From PCCF(HoFF),TG.,Hyd, Rc.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/74/2022/FCA Section, Dt.28.11.2024.
- 5.Govt.Letter.No.1000/For.I(1)/2022, Dt.02.01.2025.
- 6.From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests(C), GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub Office, Hyd., dt.25.02.2025.

ORDER

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana, Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion of 2.7283 ha forest land (FP/TG/OFC/150296/2021) in Medak division for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road within the existing RoW for execution of T-Fiber Project in Medak District in favour of M/s.Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited.

2. In the letter 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment & Forests GoI have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the proposal forwarded vide letter 2nd read above, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.

3. In the letter 5th read above, the State Government have sent the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana, Hyderabad in his letter 4th read above, to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Hyderabad, for according necessary approval.

4. In the letter 6th read above, Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal (FP/TG/OFC/150296/2021) in para-1 above, under Section- 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby accord final (Stage-II) approval for diversion of 2.7283 ha forest land (FP/TG/OFC/150296/2021) in Medak division for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road within the existing RoW for execution of T-Fiber Project in Medak District in favour of M/s.Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited, under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- i. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.

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- ii. Demarcation of the proposed forest area to be diverted shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters by the User Agency prior to execution of work in consultation with the DFO/DCF concerned and report compliance. The SFD shall not hand over the diverted forest land to the UA till the forest land diverted is demarcated with RCC pillars on the field is completed. ATR in this regard may be submitted to the RO.
- iii. Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over the identified 5.5 ha degraded forest land (Compartment No. 121, Akkannapet Beat & Section of Akkannapet RF, Ramayampet Range, Medak District) at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.
- iv. The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars if required on the CA land shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.
- v. The identified CA area and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.
- vi. The additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- vii. The state government and the user agency shall comply with all the prescribed conditions in SBWL approval.
- viii. The wildlife mitigation plan duly approved by the NBWL/SBWL/CWLW shall be implemented by the State Government at the cost of the user agency.
- ix. Tree felling, wherever required shall be done under strict supervision of the Forest Department in the proposed forest land as indicated in the proposal.
- x. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to designated CAMPA account of the state only through e-portal.
- xi. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- xii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.
- xiii. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- xiv. As the portion of the proposed area falls within the ESZ of Pocharam WLS, the field work shall be carried out only after the sun rise and shall be closed before sun set every day.

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- xv. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
 - xvi. The OFC cable shall be laid down 1.5 meters below the ground and after lying down of the cable, the ground shall be levelled.
 - xvii. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
 - xviii. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies / department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.
 - xix. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F. No. 11-42/2017-FC dt 29/01/2018. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.
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 - xxi. The compliance report shall be uploaded on portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
 - xxii. The annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions should be submitted by the project proponent to this office.
 - xxiii. The User Agency shall provide CA-NFL area for compensatory afforestation in lieu of the forest area diverted, if applicable, based on the final outcome in the WPNo.1164/2023 in the Hon'ble Supreme Court.
6. The Nodal Officer shall be responsible for obtaining the compliance of all the conditions laid down in the Stage-II (final) approval accorded under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.
7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

AHMAD NADEEM
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(HoFF),
Telangana, Hyderabad.

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